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NJDOT Bureau of Research  
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Project Title:	The New Jersey Local Police Technical Assistance Program		
RFP NUMBER: N/A	NJDOT/FHWA RESEARCH PROJECT MANAGER(S): Pat Ott		
TASK ORDER NUMBER/Study Number: Task Order No. 143/ RU Hold Account	PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Ali Maher/Joe Orth/Claudia Knezek/Carol Greenberg		
Study Start Date: December 1, 2003 Study End Date: December 1, 2005	Period Covered: 1st Quarter 2004		

Task	% of Total	% of Task this quarter	% of Task to date	% of Total Complete
1.0 Literature Search	20	0	0	0
1.1 Conduct research	10	0	35	3.5
2.0 Survey	5	10	10	.5
2.1 Conduct Survey	5	10	10	.5
3.0 Technical Assistance/Tech Transfer	10	0	0	0
3.1 Maintain Mail Lists	5	0	25	1.25
3.2 Publish Newsletter	10	0	0	0
3.3 Provide Technical Assistance	15	0	10	1.5
4.0 Provide Training	20	0	0	0
TOTAL	100			7.25 %

**Project Objectives:** The Police Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) is responsible for the following:

1. To provide a clearinghouse for law enforcement agencies to access information on advancements being made in the crash records field.
2. To showcase NJDOT methodologies, research, and technology initiatives in crash records systems.
3. To offer technical assistance to Local police departments.
4. To support the NJDOT's goal of reaching local government agencies through CAIT-LTAP technology transfer activities.

**Project Abstract:** There is a need for the FHWA vital few strategic goals to be introduced to local government through training outreach and distribution of resources. Accurate reporting, processing, and maintaining of crash data is a priority for NJDOT to develop effective solutions to traffic safety problems. Staff members of the NJ LTAP program will serve as representatives to the Safety Management Task Force and the Statewide Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (STRCC). Additionally, the LTAP staff members will facilitate quarterly local task force meetings for representatives from local law enforcement associations. The outcome of this program is to increase the accuracy of crash reports that are submitted to the NJDOT for inclusion in the statewide Crash Records Database.



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**1. Progress this quarter by task:**

Task	Description
2.0 Survey	Police Traffic Officers have been responding to the NJTR-1 Survey on the availability of electronic data transfer.
2.1 Conduct Survey	CAIT-LTAP has received survey responses from Police Traffic Officers on Municipal Roadway Safety conditions.

**2. Proposed activities for next quarter by task:**

Task	Proposed Activities
1.0 Literature Search	The Literature Search will be focused on the best practices that exist on establishing crash records data collection systems.
1.1 Conduct Research	Rutgers will contact other states to determine the best practices for data collection and sharing of databases between state and local enforcement agencies.

**3. List of deliverables provided in this quarter by task (product date):**

Task	Description	Item/Date
2.0 Survey	Police Traffic Officers have been responding to the CSSI Survey on the local use of crash data	Over 170 surveys have been obtained from predominantly police traffic officers during the period of (1/1-2/20/04).
2.1 Conduct Survey	CAIT-LTAP has received survey responses from Police Traffic Officers on Municipal Roadway Safety conditions.	Over 170 surveys have been obtained from predominantly police traffic officers during the period of (1/1-2/20/04).

**4. Progress on Implementation and Training Activities:**

Training	Description
4.0 Provide Training	The NJTR-1 Committee will not be completed with the task of revising the form until late 2004, which means that workshops and program updates will not be available until the beginning of 2005.

- 5. Problems/Proposed Solutions:** The PTAP grant may need to be extended another year, reflecting January 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, so that training on the NJTR-1 revisions can be conducted. The project manager has recently been hired to administer this project and will conduct the appropriate grant activities.



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Total Project Budget	\$285,725.00
<b>Modified Contract Amount:</b>	
Total Project Expenditure to date	0
% of Total Project Budget Expended	0

\* These are approximate expended amounts for the project; these estimates are for reference only and should not be used for official accounting purposes. For a more accurate accounting, please review the quarterly invoice for this project.